



THOUGHTS FROM THE TEACHER

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We are pleased to announce that Larry Storch and Forrest Tucker are now working with our school. Students are asked to review episodes of "F Troop" to identify keys which reference the sequence. The assistance of Storch and Tucker brings the total number of conscious beings to 46, which is the number of chromosomes in a human cell, except in the case of Klinefelter's syndrome, where the number is 47. 46, 47, exquisite, isn't it, these details. They are central to our teaching.

Paul Lynde occupied the center square on the Hollywood Squares. There were nine squares in all. Paul Lynde was on his ninth lifetime but is not working with our school, he is working with Tayn Center. The Islamic sage said, the enemy of my enemy is my friend. If one substitutes an "a" for a "y" in the word "enemy," it creates the word "enema." Cleanliness is next to godliness. Our time together is precious.

We have a team of salaried scholars finding references to the sequence throughout history. We call them "The Fantastic Fours." They have found references to the sequence and our school in situation comedies of the 1960s and 70s. Youtube is amazing, isn't it? The Native American shouting "IT IS BALLOON!" in the opening credits of "F Troop" refers to the bubble of our winery during its construction. We were working with C influence's exercise not to watch television during that time so that the material would be fresh for us later on.

The "F Troop" programming is but one example. "My Mother The Car" is conscious art. One's mother is a machine. She is not only mechanical, she will suffer eternal recurrence as a machine. The show is about one man's struggle with mechanical feminine dominance. Jan Cox was not a conscious being. But he had a great name. That reminds me. Excuse me, I have to go do something. Nikolai! Vladimir! An alpaca or one of the llamas? I make five hundred decisions a week. Ulysses S. Grant appears on the fifty dollar bill. There are five fingers on each hand. Some of the old order Amish have six. They occupy a different position in the ray of creation. Five hundred, fifty, five, six, exquisite, isn't it, these details.

"The Fantastic Fours" have been searching episodes of "Gilligan's Island" for keys to the sequence and references to our school. There were seven castaways, one for each day of the week. Gilligan was Skipper's man Friday. This makes Skipper Thursday and the Professor Wednesday, which is hump day. That reminds me. Excuse me, I have to go do something. Alonzo! Bartholomew! Fetch the ripe cantaloupes! Oh, and a new syringe. The castaways were on the island from 1964 to 1967 when the series was cancelled. There are 156 weeks in three years. Our school has lasted thirty eight years. This a creative period in our conscious teaching so we do not need to go into reruns.

People are leaving and this is good for the school. The school is evolving by the sacrifices we are making. When I was a man number four I subsisted on chicken wings and mayonnaise. I had to have special pants made. The official pattern of our school is now plaid. Karl Lagerfeld was not a conscious being but he had a wickedly gold alchemy. So did Thurston Howell the Third. To maintain a gold alchemy one needs to remove each individual hair from the tub. Christ said, every hair is counted. At the end of one's life, one will have a large bag of hair. Our time together is precious.

Thurston Howell the Third was also Mr. Magoo. This signifies that even a gold alchemy can be blind. We cannot rely on alchemy alone to bring us into the present. There must be intentional suffering. Ask the waiter if this is genuine maple syrup. When I was a man number four I kept a small pebble in my shoe to bring me into the present. It was painful and I am now immortal. As a result I would "die" for my students and I expect the same. The Fantastic Fours have discovered that "die" had a different meaning in the Renaissance. Wait, that reminds me. Excuse me, I have to go do something. Clarence! Antonio! Bring the powdered wigs and the snuff. We are going to emerge from the bomb shelters in seventeenth century clothing.

Bob Denver was a good looking beatnik as Maynard G. Krebs but achieved true immortality as Gilligan. His isolation and ineptitude symbolized the position of a man number four which he transcended in 1967 when the series was cancelled. I was forced to resign from my teaching job in 1967. I ran for three seasons like Gilligan's Island before my series was cancelled. These parallels are uncanny.

The meeting tonight will begin with a reading from François Rabelais, who was a conscious being.

"Afterwards I wiped my tail with a hen, with a cock, with a pullet, with a calf's skin, with a hare, with a pigeon, with a cormorant, with an attorney's bag, with a montero, with a coif, with a falconer's lure. But, to conclude, I say and maintain, that of all torcheculs, arsewispes, bumfodders, tail-napkins, bunghole cleansers, and wipe-breeches, there is none in the world comparable to the neck of a goose, that is well downed, if you hold her head betwixt your legs. And believe me therein upon mine honour, for you will thereby feel in your nockhole a most wonderful pleasure, both in regard of the softness of the said down and of the temporate heat of the goose, which is easily communicated to the bum-gut and the rest the inwards, in so far as to come even to the regions of the heart and brains. And think not that the felicity of the heroes and demigods in the Elysian fields consisteth either in their asphodel, ambrosia, or nectar, as our old women here used to say; but in this, according to my judgment, that they wipe their tails with the neck of a goose, holding her head betwixt their legs, and such is the opinion of Master John of Scotland, alias Scotus."

Thank you, Catherine. That was a stimulating reading. Mr. Rabelais is working with our school. Because only 46 conscious beings can work with us at any one time, Epictetus has gone on sabbatical. The Stoics have been overrepresented in our school so Rabelais comes as a welcome relief. He will be credited with the save. Ted Williams was not a conscious being but he had a magnetic centre. He was interested in immortality. Did you know they cut off his head and froze it?

In keeping with the current work of the Fantastic Fours, each student is asked to take the name of a character from a television show of the 1960s or 1970s. This is a new exercise. I am to be called Corporal Agarn. This is not my idea, it is C influence's. Who am I to judge, I am just carrying out their instructions. This is the form of our new civilization. Mario, you will be called Sergeant Friday. Say, Just the Facts Ma'am. Just the Facts Ma'am. Very good.

Margaret, you will be Zsa-Zsa from "Green Acres." Vladimir, you are Wilbur from "Mr. Ed." Arnold, you are Uncle Martin from "My Favorite Martian." It is written in the New Testament that "he drew his disciples near to him and sayeth, 'one of you will betray me.'" Woe unto you who betrayeth Corporal Agarn. It would be better for you to have a millstone around your neck and not to have been born than to be that person.

I received a shock when Mr. Rabelais showed me a box that said, Aseptic Creamers. I instinctively understood that this was a reference to our inner circle.

Sergeant Friday said, Just the Facts Ma'am. We are just interested in the facts. The more facts we learn, the more we see the sequence everywhere. Did you know coprolites are fossilized feces. We are going to charge prospective students to attend prospective student meetings. The first meeting will be one hundred dollars. The second meeting will be five hundred dollars. The third meeting will be six hundred dollars. Mr. Gurdjieff said, we always make a profit. William Shakespeare wrote, put money in thy purse. This is the will of C influence. Give me an ounce of civet, good apothecary, sweeten my imagination. There's money for thee. Exquisite, isn't it.

Girard, you will be called Gomer after USMC Gomer Pyle. Gomer as you may know was promoted last year from Lance Corporal to Corporal by the Marine Corps. So Girard and I will be corporals together, Corporal Agarn and Corporal Gomer. Let me hear you say "yes, sir, dear," Corporal Gomer. Isn't this wonderful. "Corporal" signifies that these are just our bodies. We will all be together someday without these bodies. Jim Nabors plays USMC Gomer Pyle. His middle name is Thurston, just like Thurston Howell the Third. He went to the University of Alabama, while I was born in Arkansas. He grows macadamia nuts in Hawaii, while I grew grapes in California. Or had other people grow my grapes. Or olives. Or Ming Furniture. Or something.

I am thinking of changing the name of Isis again to "Mayberry." Or "Willoughby" after that episode of "The Twilight Zone." The Fantastic Fours tell me these are examples of

"Long Be." The theme to "The Andy Griffith Show," you know the one with the whistle, is very short. This is "Short Be." Then we take a commercial break. "Telephone call for Phillip Morris!" The four wordless breaths. Practice of the four wordless breaths has declined now that fewer people smoke cigarettes. People's bodies are healthier but they are suffering spiritually. And it is for nothing because humanity is going to be expunged. Gorbachev lives in New York now. Despite this he has not sought out dermatological treatment for his birthmark. This is a bad omen for humanity.

I have asked all students to observe the exercise of placing a pebble in one's shoe. Rodney tells me students' podiatrist bills can be deducted as religious expenses. We want to be as transparent as possible because our nonprofit status will be jeopardized if students take deductions they are not allowed to take.

C influence has indicated that the name will be changed from Isis to Mayberry. This is in recognition of Aunt Bea's role in shaping the form of the Fellowship. All women in the Fellowship over the age of sixty will be called Aunt Bea. They are already all required to wear Aunt Bea flower print dresses and Aunt Bea cameos so the name change does not come as a shock. Mick Jagger said, you can't always get what you want.

Don Knotts played Sheriff's Deputy Barney Fife on The Andy Griffith Show. One of the Fantastic Fours pointed out the resemblance between Don Knotts and Mick Jagger as he has aged. Did you know he bit off part of his tongue. The staff of the office has often made me think of Barney Fife. We are going to change the name of the office to the Fife Cottage. Don Knotts was not a conscious being but he was a noble figure we should strive to emulate. He was a big influence on Martin Short, who has agreed to visit the centers as a traveling teacher.

I wish we could get more celebrities to join the Fellowship. It would be good for the cash flow. Scientology has Tom Cruise and John Travolta. All we had was Laurie Walters from Eight is Enough and she left anyway. We have been called a crappy little cult. Crappy is, after all, the root word of "crapulous."

One of the reasons C influence has directed the Fantastic Fours to find examples of the sequence in 1960s and 1970s US television shows is that foreign students usually have trouble understanding them and can easily overlook the obvious. This makes them more adept at uncovering the subtle manifestations of the sequence that only I can validate. I never tire of reminding my students that Mr. Terrific was only on for one season, while Gilligan's Island ran for three and has been in syndication ever since. Now *that's* Long Be.

Mr. Ed is about a talking horse which only one man understands. Incredibly, no one else knows the horse can talk. This basic fact usually escapes the students who are here on religious visas. Unlike men number four, I find it very easy to understand Wilbur because his relationship with Mr. Ed resembles my relationship with C influence. When I am

waiting in an airport to fly to Rome I am the only one who knows that C influence is speaking to us through the airport paging system or the graffiti in the rest room. That reminds me. Excuse me, I have to go do something. Willem, do you still have that Chinese finger trap? Bring the lobster fork and some capers.

The golden age of Mayberry will begin in 2012. Mayberry will be known for its fountains, bells, and hygiene. Good hygiene represents the influence of Aunt Bea. We will call her Aunt LONG Bea to distinguish her from all of the over-60 women in Mayberry who are to be called Aunt SHORT Bea. We are going to put up a bronze statue in her honor. Speaking of bronze statues did you know Karl Werner served on a U-Boat? Corporal Gomer, come here. Lie down. Good man number five. Sit. Shake hands. Good boy.